

**United States Environmental Protection Agency
Criminal Investigation Division
Investigative Activity Report**

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0500-0614

Case Title:

Village of Crestwood, IL

Reporting Office:

Chicago, IL, Area Office

Subject of Report:

Interview of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) on January 31, 2011

Activity Date:

January 31, 2011

Reporting Official and Date:

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C), SA

10-FEB-2011, Signed by: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), SA

Approving Official and Date:

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C), SAC

16-FEB-2011, Approved by: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), ASAC

SYNOPSIS

On January 31, 2011, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was interviewed. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) provided information relating to the Village of Crestwood, where (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was formerly employed as the Public Works Director

DETAILS

On January 31, 2011, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), Crestwood, IL, IL (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), cellular telephone (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was interviewed by this reporting agent (RA), Special Agent (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Criminal Investigation. This interview was conducted at (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) home.

Upon meeting (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) RA displayed EPA-CID credentials to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) RA advised (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) wished to speak with (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) regarding (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) previous employment for the Village of Crestwood, IL. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) agreed to speak with RA.

In summary and not verbatim unless otherwise noted, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) provided the following information:

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) worked for the Village of Crestwood approximately 15 to 20 years ago. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) could not recall the specific years that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) worked for the village, and did not have any documentation that was readily available that could remind (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) of the specific dates. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) stated that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) worked at the village for a total of seven years.

When (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was first hired, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) worked in the public works department. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) supervisor at that time was (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). After approximately five years, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) along with the village's water operator, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), left their jobs at the village, and went to work for Excel. A man named (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) became the public works supervisor for a short time, and then left the village. At this time, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was promoted, and was in charge of the public works department. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) held this position for two years, before leaving the village.

As the public works director, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was responsible for water, sewer, and the village's parks. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was not a licensed water operator. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was the water operator for the village. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) reported to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), who was the Village Services Director. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) then reported directly to the mayor, Chester Stranczek. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) also had interactions with the mayor, and on occasion, the village trustees. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) state that the trustees were just puppets of the mayor.

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(b) (6), (b) (7) stated that although (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) no longer worked for the village, the village continued to use (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) water operator's license for their drinking water. (b) (6), (b) (7) did not know what exact arrangements had been made between (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and the village with respect to (b) (6) license. (b) (6), (b) (7) stated that (b) (6) never was involved in handling or preparing any of the reports associated with the village's drinking water or well. (b) (6), (b) (7) stated that the people that were responsible for preparing the paperwork included: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), who is now the chief of police in Crestwood; (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), the village clerk; (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and (b) (6), (b) (7) (C), who worked at village hall.

(b) (6), (b) (7) did know that drinking water samples were being taken in Crestwood. (b) (6) recalled that village workers would go to different businesses and residences to collect the samples. Once the samples were collected, they would be taken to village hall. From there, (b) (6), (b) (7) believes that they were sent out to a laboratory for analysis. However, (b) (6), (b) (7) does not know who sent the samples out from the village, where they went, and never saw any analyses from the samples. (b) (6), (b) (7) does believe that the samples were given to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) at village hall.

(b) (6), (b) (7) was aware that the village was using the well as a source of drinking water. (b) (6) stated that the well was located in Playfield Park, and that it was never a secret that the well was running. The pump at the well was turned on and off automatically, with a timer. (b) (6), (b) (7) stated that workers used to go to the well house to write down data about the amount of gallons pumped, as well as chlorine readings.. (b) (6), (b) (7) stated that (b) (6) was never told how much to run the well. (b) (6), (b) (7) stated that the well water was being mixed with "city water." (b) (6), (b) (7) indicated that (b) (6) was never told to keep the use of the well a secret, and that many people in town even knew that the well was being used. (b) (6), (b) (7) stated that no one from the village talked about the well use. (b) (6), (b) (7) stated that (b) (6) was not aware of what was being reported to government agencies about the use of the well. (b) (6), (b) (7) stated that (b) (6) never signed any documents relating to drinking water or well use. (b) (6), (b) (7) was never present when any government agency inspected the well.

(b) (6), (b) (7) stated that after (b) (6) quit, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) came back to work for the village, and took over (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) job, as well as being the certified water operator. (b) (6), (b) (7) now works for Anixter.